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SUMMARY: MISSION WILL BEGIN EFFORTS TO GATHER AND ACCUMULATE VISA INFORMATION REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT ON EVACUEES, BUT STRONGLY URGES DECISION ON WAYS AND MEANS TO ADMIT AND TRANSPORT REFUGEES TO US NOT BE DELAYED UNTIL ALL SUCH DATA IS REPORTED TO WASHINGTON ON THIS GROWING PROBLEM. END SUMMARY

1. MISSION WILL ENDEAVOR TO SUPPLY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THE INFORMATION ASKED FOR IN REF C. WE HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED SOME OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED (SUCH AS REFS D AND E).

2. THERE IS NO NEED TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT SPECIFICALLY AGAIN AT THIS POINT WITH THE RTG, ALTHOUGH WE ARE IN DAILY COMMUNICATION TO KEEP THE RTG INFORMED. WE ARE CONFIDENT RTG WILL RENEW 7-DAY VISAS AT LEAST ONCE, BUT BELIEVE RTG WILL BE VERY RELUCTANT TO PERMIT EVACUEES TO REMAIN FOR ANY EXTENDED PERIOD. RTG MADE CLEAR THAT
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EVACUEES WERE BEING ADMITTED FOR TRANSIT ONLY
ON THE CONDITION THAT USG WOULD GUARANTEE
THEIR SUPPORT WHILE HERE AND THEIR ONWARD TRAVEL.

3. WE THEREFORE AGAIN URGE THAT DECISIONS BE
MADE RAPIDLY THAT WOULD ENABLE US TO MOVE QUICKLY
ON THOSE PERSONS NOT ENTITLED TO NORMAL NIVS OR
IVS, I.E. CONDITIONAL ENTRY UNDER 203(A)(7).
THIS WOULD ASSIST US IN MAINTAINING THE CONTINUED
GOOD COOPERATION OF THE RTG IN THIS AND POSSIBLE
SBSEQUENT EVACUATIONS.

4. IN SUM, WE WILL WORK TO OBTAIN INFORMATION
REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT DO NOT BELIEVE
IT PRUDENT TO DELAY DECISIONS ON ENTRY AND TRAVEL
TO US UNTIL WE HAVE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THOSE
WHO APPEAR TO BE REFUGEES.
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